

The Rush County Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. with Gerald Mohr, Chairman, Warren Norris, Charles Smith, Janet Kile, Marvin Hedrick, Kevin Spilman, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Councilman Jerry Kent was absent.

Chairman, Gerald Mohr called the meeting to order.

The first order of business was organization. Marvin Hedrick made the motion to retain Gerald Mohr as Chairman and Jerry Kent as Vice-Chairman. Warren Norris seconded the motion. The motion carried with Gerald Mohr abstaining.

Minutes of the December 12, 2012 were presented. Warren Norris made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Kevin Spilman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

LCC

Rob Hadley representing the school's Local Coordinating Council appeared to request the annual funding. After confirming the fund balance the council approved a request for \$20,000 on a motion by Charles Smith and seconded by Kevin Spilman.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Terry Nigh of the Rush County Health Department presented a request for a transfer of funds in the amount of \$540 from the Health to Per Diem. Kevin Spilman initiated the motion with Marvin Hedrick seconding the action. Motion Carried.

ECDC

Interim ECDC director, Carolyn Bunzendahl shared early information on a commercial prospect. An open house at Helena Chemicals, a new business in Carthage was announced and the expansion at Intat continues. Bunzendahl reported that the new ECDC website would be available in late January.

I-T

I-T director, Randy Herbert, questioned if the council wants to continue with the 5 year computer replacement plan and how will the plan be funded. It was recalled the plan is to continue with the funding in the Cumulative Capital Fund to be approved by the Commissioners.

COMMISSIONERS

Newly elected commissioner, Bruce Levi reported that one of his first duties was to have the control replaced on the courthouse boiler at of cost of \$1,700. Turnkey, the contracted service provider completed the repair.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported an inmate count of 33 with 3 being sentenced. Masonry work on the jail continues but has lagged due to weather. The sheriff requested two additional appropriations for the purchase of taser guns. The first approved was from the Sheriff's Contributions fund for \$9,500 was moved by Kevin Spilman and seconded by Charles Smith. The next one was for \$3,000 from the Sheriff's Forfeiture fund was approved on a motion by Janet Kile and seconded by Warren Norris. Sheriff Sherwood then asked the council to readdress his budget request for \$20,000 for a sheriff's car and \$10,000 for sheriff's retirement appropriations that were removed at budget to be considered at the first of the year. After discussion on fund balances, the sheriff was granted to apply for an additional appropriation for \$10,000 for the sheriff's retirement fund on a motion by Kevin Spilman and seconded by Warren Norris. Marvin Hedrick abstained. No action was taken on the sheriff's car.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

The following additional appropriations were approved by the Council:

- 1) Recorder-\$11,000 for part time salaries, motion by Warren Norris, second by Charles Smith.
- 2) Chief Probation Office-\$14,609 for additional salary, motion by Kevin Spilman, second Charles Smith.
- 3) EMA Director-\$14,820 for additional (full time) salary, motion by Kevin Spilman, seconded by Marvin Hedrick. All voted Aye.

The auditor was also instructed to advertise for an additional appropriation for the Surveyor's portion of the Elected Officials Training Fund.

EMS MEETING

Leigh Morning informed the council that Rushville City Fire Department will be holding a joint city/county meeting on Monday, January 14th at the Rush County Schools Administrative Office at 7:00p.m.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

Gerald Mohr reported on his attendance at the Community Corrections meeting. Judge Brian Hill has been appointed Chairman and Bryan Barrett Vice-Chairman. The first years grant distribution of \$150,000 will be used to hire a director and a field officer to initiate the home monitor detention program.

PARTNERS FOR PROGRESS

Items being considered by the Partners for Progress as reported by Gerald Mohr include: working with the \$194,000 exploration grant, moving the Park Restaurant building, and the interest by Ivy Tech for a better educational facility.

WIND ENERGY

The only news to add on the Wind Energy project is that the Federal Government has extended the funding on such projects to 2015.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Marvin Hedrick. Warren Norris seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

/s/ Gerald Mohr
Gerald Mohr, Chairman

/s/ Warren Norris
Warren Norris

/s/ Charles Smith
Charles Smith

/s/ Janet Kile
Janet Kile

/s/ Marvin Hedrick
Marvin Hedrick

/s/ Kevin Spilman
Kevin Spilman

/s/ Jerry Kent
Jerry Kent

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor